arms and ammunition, vehicles, communication equipment and other equipment of an estimated value of Rs. 285 crores would be provided in kind.

The scheme has been in operation since 1997-98 and will continue till 2001-2002.

Purchase of pistols from Czechoslovakia

2181. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1489 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI was entrusted to enquire into the purchase deal of pistols from Czechoslovakia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CBI after conducting the enquiry had submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the report and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) After completion of the investigation, CBI had submitted their Report in December, 1992 in which they recommended prosecution of two government officials and sought orders of the competent authority for sanction for prosecution. In June, 1997, with the approval of the competent authority it was decided that there was no case for according sanction for their prosecution. Therefore, no charge-sheet was filed in the Court of Law against the two government officials.

Collusion of local people with extremists

†2182. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States affected by terrorist, extremist activities being run with the help of the neighbouring countries;

(b) whether collusion of local people with extremists has been found in these States; if so, the details in this regard for the last four years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the terrorists and extremists arrested by Government during the last four years, State-wise and year-wise as per the information with the State police and Central Bureau of Intelligence; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the number of Central Government employees found involved in these activities in the aforesaid years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The major concerns in this regard centre around Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and inter-linked and externally supported subversive activities of militant groups in some States of North East. There are also reports that some militant groups are under pressure from Pak ISI to revive militancy in Punjab.

"Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects, the Central Government does not maintain information/details in this regard.

(d) No such information has come to notice so far.

Threat to minorities in Gujarat

2183. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the minorities in the State of Gujarat are feeling insecure due to the increase in activities of RSS and Bajrangdal; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to protect their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) There is no specific instance that the minorities in the State of Gujarat are feeling insecure due to the increase in activities of RSS and Bajrang Dal. The Government is committeed to safeguard the interests of minorities.

Although the State Governments are primarily responsible for the maintenance of law, public order, advisories are sent to them from time to time regarding maintenance of peace and communal harmony and for taking action against relevant laws against those spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities. The centre has issued revised guidelines for the promotion of communal harmony, shares intelligence inputs and provides central para-military forces in specific requests. Financial assistance is also provided for upgradation of the policing infrastructure and modernisation of states' police.